

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: **Masahiro ARAI et al.**

Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
CONTROLLING INTAKE AIR
BY VARIABLE VALVE TIMING**

Appl. No.: **Unassigned**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered into the application:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 9, line 9, please change "December 2, 2000," to --December 4, 2000,--.